

## MR. RANSOM'S SALARY

**FIGHT PREPARATIONS PROCEED.**

**Fitzsimmons, However, Fails to Show Up at the Springs—Talk at Little Rock About Ordering Out the Militia.**

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., October 18.—Locally, the vexed question as to whether the glove-contest between Corbett and Fitzsimmons can come off at Hot Springs has been settled, unless the Supreme Court should reverse the judgment of Chancellor Leatherman the men will meet in the roped circle in Hot Springs at any time the Florida Athletic club may decide to eat.

Chancellor Leatherman, after hearing testimony this evening, rendered judgment that the act under which it is sought to prevent the prize-fight, did not constitutionally pass the Legislature. The Chancellor quotes from the State Constitution, "the legislative record, the rules of the two houses of the Legislature, and the decision in the case of Smith vs. Campbell as precedents to establish his conclusion."

He then said: "I fail to find any statute prohibiting prize-fighting in the State of Arkansas. The question now is, Does the warrant state an offence? I am not aware under what section of the statutes it is intended to be drawn. Prize-fighting, if an offence at common law is a misdemeanor. . . .

There is no provision of the statutes applying to the question and making it an offence contained in the warrant."

"The Court finds from the evidence in this case and the testimony of witnesses that no prize-fight is intended, as explained to the court, but that a glove-contest is contemplated, with five-ounce gloves, for a limited number of rounds, provided another party who has not signed the agreement will sign the contract as one of the principals; that the agreement is contemptuous, without oaths, given, for a limited number of rounds, provided another party who has not signed the agreement will sign the contract as one of the principals; that the original agreement to have a prize-fight or a glove contest to a finish has been cancelled, and that no agreement to that effect now exists; that a contract that does not contain evidence in the case is not dangerous to human life, and the parties are not liable to inflict serious

injury upon each other, that it is less dangerous than most of the sports that are permitted in this State, such as baseball, horse-racing, and foot-ball.

"The Court holds that the contest is legal.

"The Court finds that prize-fighting is brutal and an offence at common law; that a party engaged in a prize-fight would be guilty of a misdemeanor at common law.

"The writ of habeas corpus is granted, and the prisoner ordered dismissed from custody."

This judgment is comprehensive, and is an absolute declaration of the invalidity of the prize-fight. It makes prize-fighting, the first making prize-fighting and glove-contests a felony, and the second making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$250 and imprisonment for not more than six months. The prize-fighter is at liberty, and preparations are in progress for the great contest.

After the judgment had been rendered the attorneys for the State said that the State would appeal from the judgment of the supreme Court, but quickly as it is possible to make the necessary transcripts.

It is expected that this work will have been completed by Monday evening, next.

Major Fitzsimmons, who is now authorized, empowered by Fitzsimmons to act, Fitzsimmons does not want to come until after the time that must Corbett in the ring. Manager Feniglass, however, and notified Corbett that he and Fitzsimmons would fight by October 20th he will match Corbett and Maher, and O'Donnell against Choyinski.

**GOVERNOR CLARK'S COURSE.**

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK., October 12.**—The Governor of Arkansas has definitely fixed Governor Clarke's course toward the prize-fighters. He and General Taylor went to the State-House to-night

The Governor has maintained all along that he would not convene the Legislature in extra session to stop the price-sight.

The Governor avoided representatives of the press to-night, but it given out semi-officially that he has decided to issue his proclamation warning the Florida Athletic Club against further provocations at Hot Springs, and ordering the State militia to hold itself in readiness for immediate use.

The peculiar fact is noted by engineers that the rust found in the interior of a boiler is, under any circumstances, of a different character from ordinary rust. It is of a much darker color, that formed in the upper spaces by steam alone being almost black, partaking of the nature of that black magnetic oxide which is formed in what is known as the Harff process by steam heated to 36 degrees, Fahrenheit. The latter oxide is, of course, completely protective when once formed, and the oxides formed in the interior of a boiler, although of a protective nature, are, notwithstanding, far less corrosion in their action than those taking place under ordinary circumstances. The corrosion of the interior, when not assisted by adhesive deposits and organic acids from the lubricants, is comparatively slow.



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